GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
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Tripartite Agreement for Exploitation of Coal Reserves
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Tripartite agreement entered into among the Government of Andhra Pradesh, Mining Exploration Corporation Limited (MECL) and National Mineral Exploration Trust (NMET) to exploit coal reserves in Andhra Pradesh;
(b) the expected quantity of coal reserves in Andhra Pradesh; and
(c) the time by which the exploration work is likely to be started in the State?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL, POWER, NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY AND MINES (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a): No Tripartite Agreement has been entered into among the Government of Andhra Pradesh, Mineral Exploration Corporation Limited (MECL) and National Mineral Exploration Trust (NMET) to exploit Coal reserves in Andhra Pradesh.

(b): The total estimated quantum of coal resources in Andhra Pradesh is 1580.70 million tonnes as per "The inventory of Geological Resources of Indian Coal" (as on 01.04.2015), prepared by the Geological Survey of India.

(c): MECL has been asked to carry out detailed exploration in recently discovered coal reserves in Somavaram East & West and Chintalapudi blocks of Andhra Pradesh.
MECL has taken up the drilling in Somavaram West & Chintalpudi blocks. The drilling in Somavaram East has not yet started.

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